

Commercial Catechism

What is the price of Flour now? Ans. \$5.80. good.
Is Sugar likely to be dearer? Yes.
Under Confederation, will our fishermen get a bounty on fish? Yes.
What do you think of the Muscle as an article of food? Excellent. Only recently a famous professor of one of the American Universities, who had been experimenting with the Muscle for six years, handed down his report, which says that it is just as good as the Oyster. He goes on to say that in view of the high cost of living it would be a grand thing if the nation would realize the value of this excellent shell fish, as ten persons could be fed for 25c. He further states that the opinion widely held in the United States as to Muscles containing a poisonous part is erroneous, simply a superstition introduced by the Indians in early days.
Is there more business done by mail in Newfoundland today than there was twenty years ago?
Yes! twenty times as much.
Name a house that makes a specialty of selling by mail?
Well, there are several mail order houses in St. John's, but one house that figures largely in this line is J.M. Devine, The Right House.
Does he send the goods without the money? Well, the system, if we are correctly informed is cash in advance or cash with order, and money refunded if goods are not satisfactory.
But will he really refund the money if the goods are sent back to him for any reason? Oh, yes, you get a money back guarantee with the goods if you are not satisfied.
What is his correct address?

J.M. DEVINE, The Right House
167 Water Street, St. John's.
You had better write him for all information.
Does he give credit? Oh, certainly, to well-rated people.

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SAYS THE DOCK AT HR. GRACE SHOULD PAY

But Dr. Strapp is of Opinion That its Affairs Are Not Managed Properly
COMPARES IT WITH CANADIAN DOCKS
Former Dockmaster Says That in One Case \$400 Was Frittered Away

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—It may interest the shareholders in our dock to know what money it earns and to compare it with the Marine Dock in Lunenburg which is similar in capacity and constructed to ours.
The following table of earnings and its expenditure of the Lunenburg dock for 5 years, 1905 to 1909

Year	Dock	Sal.	Expen.	Yrs.
1905	\$371.98	\$ 870.95	\$1464.13	170
1906	\$383.40	\$ 805.00	\$1431.97	116
1907	\$383.55	\$ 855.00	\$1485.97	163
1908	\$341.39	\$ 970.20	\$1903.39	150
1909	\$761.22	\$1004.55	\$1666.36	172
Average dock two per year.			\$4308.31	
Average fuel and oil.....			252.72	
Taxes			195.33	
Miscellaneous expenses and repairs.....			241.10	

From the above table you find the average running expenses of the Lunenburg dock to be \$1590.36 for these five years. The labor there is higher than ours and they are paying about \$200 in taxes.
In 1912 and '13 when Mr. Wm. Warren was dock master, or at least when he thought he was, the labor necessary for docking purposes was about 30c. per vessel. On a basis of employing a dock master, engineer and secretary by the year the following table will give you the annual cost of the Hr. Grace dock:

Dock Master	\$ 840
Secretary	480
Engineer	360
Cost to dock, 150 vessels.....	175
Labor docking, 150 vessels.....	45
Incidentals and repairs.....	\$1999
	100
	\$2099

By employing the master, secretary and engineer for the working months only which would mean a lay off of three months the dock can be run for \$1590.
In 1912-13 the gross earnings of the dock were \$4900; a dividend of 2½ per cent. was paid on \$32,000 which figures out \$1120 added to the cost of operation gives us \$3120 and leaves a balance of \$880 to be accounted for.
If we could get a commission to investigate I am sure that if it dealt fairly in the matter we would be fully informed.
Who authorized the directors to sell our stock below par? About

PREPARE FOR THE WORST.

Are you prepared for a fire? Most folk are not! One of my liberal policies will make the calamity easier to bear. It will cost you nothing to ask for a low rate and very little to be perfectly secure with Percie Johnson's insurance agency.

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June 1st, 1913. The directors sold \$6000 worth of stock for \$5700 and 10 days after paid the holders of this stock 5 per cent. on the par value in a word they paid them \$5.25 per cent. on money that had never earned one cent. This accounts for \$300 of last year's earnings.

A quantity of fence material was purchased last year from E. Simmons who was then a director, now Secretary-Treasurer. The fence was never erected nor is it likely to be. More dividend in fence material stored in W. A. Munn's store and I suppose we are paying storage.

I am enclosing you a statement from Mr. W. S. Warren, showing how \$400 was frittered away in order to save \$10. Kindly publish the same in toto that the shareholders outside of Hr. Grace may know how their money is being handled. Fellow shareholders your money invested in the Marine Dock at Hr. Grace should earn at the very least 8 per cent.

—W. A. STRAPP.
Hr. Grace, July 24, 1914.

Mr. Warren's Statement

Dear Sir,—In reply to your enquiries with regard to certain discrediting statements made and circulated around town against me, reflecting upon my work while foreman of the Marine Railway Docks, I beg to state for your information and also in my own defence, that this one particular incident, which I feel assured was used as an excuse to deprive me of my position as Dock Master and Foreman, namely: "The responsibility of having outer cradle go off the track while in the act of hauling a vessel last September."

The Facts

The facts are that during the slack season in August the local directors engaged men to bring and dump ballast and beach rock between the ground ways in order to protect the pile foundation standing above the bottom, upword of 80 tons was brought and dumped between the tracks in some cases without the use of the shutes provided for the purpose. I had no say or authority in the matter, the filling in was superintended by Managing Director J. Tapp.

Poor Economy

While the work was in progress Captain Hollett, of Burin, arrived here for Dockage. Director Tapp came to the dock and I notified him that it was necessary to have the diver go down and clear away the beach rock from all the roller frames, before I could send the cradles out to take up the vessel—he stated that it would cost \$10.00 to have this done and as to effect that money was scarce he ordered me to send out the cradles—which I did—against my wish—as I feared bad results—on this account I exercised great caution in pulling the vessel.

When she was aground 2 feet aft the cradle with vessel went off the track—due entirely as it was afterward proven to me—that the roller frames were clogged with beach stones which caused the trouble, and for which I contend I was in no way responsible—having been bound under agreement to take my directions from the Managing Director.

Cost \$400

It took me 10 days to replace the damage and cost the Company not less than \$400.00, which I am certain would not have happened if the operation of the plant was left in my hands—and it is both cowardly and contemptible to try and saddle me with the responsibility and deprive me of my position to satisfy one or two individual directors prejudiced against me.

—W. S. WARREN.

SAYS SERVA NEEDS LESSON

Cologne, July 25.—An inspired despatch from Berlin to The Cologne Gazette administers the European Government Press and public opinion as to the danger of encouraging Serbia and says it is imperative in the interest of peace that the voice of Europe should impress Serbia with the necessity of submitting to demands of the Austrian Government and concludes with the significant intimation that if any attempt be made by a third power to stiffen Serbia's back the conflict will cease to be purely Austro-Servian.

SHAMROCKS MEETS GOOD WEATHER

Cape Finisterre, Spain, July 24.—A wireless received from Sir Thomas Lipton's steam yacht Erin, which is conveying the challenger, said that all was well aboard the Shamrock, that she had made 222 miles in the last 24 hours; and that the weather was beautiful.

FLAG POLE AT 'FRISCO FAIR 200 FEET HIGH

Made Out of a Single Giant Tree of Oregon Fir
TEN FEET OF BUTT SET IN CONCRETE
Flagpole, Which Weighs Thirty Tons Surmounted By 10-ft. Eagle

San Francisco, July 23.—The giant Oregon fir tree which has been shaped to make the largest flagpole in the world, has been raised at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition grounds. Owing to its great weight and length the pole was extremely difficult to handle and the work of getting it into an upright position has aroused as much interest as any other single construction feature at the exposition.

Stands 222 Feet High.

The pole stands 222 feet above the grounds and the gold star at its top rises ten feet higher. Ten feet of the butt are set into a solid block of reinforced concrete, weighing 200 tons, which will be of sufficient bulk to hold the pole upright against the highest winds without the assistance of guy ropes or other supports.

Big Job to Erect It.

Three derricks were required to erect the pole. It had been floated in from the bay several days ago. Each of the derricks had to be anchored with numerous guyropes to eliminate the possibility of mishap while the pole was being raised. To guard against accident the pole was lifted only a few feet at a time, three hours being required for the actual raising.

The pole was donated to the exposition by the citizens of Astoria, Ore., and was floated down the coast to the exposition grounds more than a year ago. It has been allowed to season until a few weeks ago when the work of shaping the big stick was undertaken. This portion of the work alone required a crew of six men working ten days.

The pole will carry a great American flag forty-six feet long.

HALIFAX DON'T WANT HINDUS

Worried About a Report That a Shipload of Them Is Coming

Halifax, July 22.—Determined efforts are being made by the Halifax civic authorities to prevent further negotiations being carried on by an East Indian Colonization Company to charter a steamer to bring a party of Hindu immigrants to Halifax.

Steps have been taken by the Board of Control to bring to the attention of the Nova Scotia government, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Labor the text of a despatch received from Vancouver stating that negotiations were under way by the Secretary of the America India Colonization Company to charter a steamer to bring 500 Hindus to Canada thru the port of Halifax.

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